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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/780,625; Filed: February 12, 2001
For: **Broadcasting and Reception System, and Conditional Access System**
Therefor
Inventors: Bayassi *et al.*
Our Ref: 1581.0350003

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Claim For Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) In Utility Application; and
2. One (1) Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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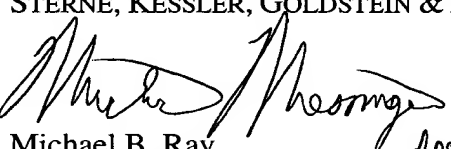
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) is hereby claimed to the following priority document(s), filed in a foreign country within twelve (12) months prior to the filing of the above-referenced United States utility patent application:

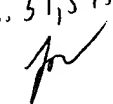
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PCT	PCT/EP97/02108	April 25, 1997
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A certified copy of each listed priority document is submitted herewith. Prompt acknowledgment of this claim and submission is respectfully requested.

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